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SUBJ: CURRENT ISRAELI OIL EXPLORATION EFFORTS

1. EMBOFF MET WITH RAFAEL GOLDIS, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF CHANAH, THE GOI-OWNED OIL EXPLORATION COMPANY, ON SEPT 29 TO DISCUSS CURRENT EXPLORATION EFFORTS. GOLDIS STATED THAT RIGS ARE NOW OPERATING AT HELETZ, CAESAREA, AND ASHDOD 3. THE RIG AT AMIAZ (SDOM) IS BEING MOVED TO THE DVORA SITE IN THE EMEQ BETWEEN NAZARETH AND AFULA. AT THE CHARUVIT SITE EAST OF EL ARISH, TWO HOLES HAVE ALREADY BEEN DUG WITH ANOTHER TWO STILL TO BE DRILLED. SINCE THIS AREA HAS NEVER BEEN DRILLED BEFORE, EFFORTS AT EL ARISH ARE PRIMARILY TO GAIN GEOLOGICAL INFORMATION. DIAGONAL DRILLING AT THE Yael 2 SITE AT A-TUR IS ALSO CONTINUING.

2. GOLDIS ALSO SAID THAT CHANAH IS NEGOTIATING WITH FOREIGN CONTRACTORS FOR OFFSHORE DRILLING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND HAD BUDGETED \$3.5-4 MILLION FOR AN OFFSHORE WELL. NO DATE WAS GIVEN AS TO WHEN OFFSHORE MEDITERRANEAN DRILLING MIGHT BEGIN.

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3. COMMENT: GOLDIS DECLINED TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ON THE

ISRAELI OFFSHORE RIG IN THE GULF OF SUEZ. WE RECENTLY LEARNED
FROM ANOTHER SOURCE THAT THIS RIG HAD BEEN UNDERGOING REPAIRS
BUT WAS EXPECTED TO RESUME OFFSHORE DRILLING IN THE GULF OF
SUEZ SHORTLY.
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